

RECOGNIZING S. MARTINELLI &
COMPANY

HON. JIMMY PANETTA

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 18, 2018

Mr. PANETTA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize S. Martinelli & Company, a family owned and operated business located in Watsonville, California, as they celebrate their 150th anniversary. Over the past century and a half, Martinelli's has become a household name across the United States and around the world, known for producing the highest quality sparkling cider and apple juice.

Founded in 1868, Martinelli's has persevered through two World Wars, Prohibition, the Great Depression, and an increasingly globalized marketplace. Despite having faced radically changing environments and numerous challenges, Martinelli's never altered its mission to produce juices made from one hundred percent U.S. grown, hand-picked apples, with no chemical preservatives or sweeteners.

Though Martinelli's has adopted technological advances over the years to improve and preserve their fresh apple flavors, they remain committed to historical traditions of washing, hand-sorting, and freshly pressing each apple. Martinelli's distinctive and crisp flavor comes from their time-honored blend of locally grown Newtown Pippin, Gala, Fuji, Granny Smith, Jonagold, Mutsu and Honeycrisp apples. John Martinelli, fourth generation family member and CEO of S. Martinelli & Company, tastes every batch of juice produced to ensure its quality meets company standards.

Martinelli's is a Certified Green Company devoted to employing sustainable practices such as recycling, water and energy conservation, and land preservation. Martinelli's also works closely with local and regional growers to ensure that their products are made with the freshest apples available in the Western U.S. In addition to their focus on environmental sustainability, Martinelli's is developing new organic orchards in order to increase production of certified organic juices. These initiatives represent Martinelli's dedication to preserving and expanding the heritage of apple orchards in Pajaro Valley, while enhancing the beauty of the area.

We are fortunate to have a family run company like Martinelli's call the central coast of California home for four generations. Their devotion to quality of product, sustainability, tradition, and community health is unrivaled and has enormously benefited our community. Mr. Speaker, it is my privilege to recognize S. Martinelli & Company for 150 years of excellence in producing apple juice and sparkling cider.

RECENT ATTACKS AGAINST
ISRAEL

HON. NORMA J. TORRES

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 18, 2018

Mrs. TORRES. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to express my concern regarding the recent attacks on Israel at two of its borders. On

Israel's Northern border, Syrian drones crossed into Israeli airspace; on Israel's Southern border, Hamas launched more than 200 rockets and mortars from the Gaza Strip. One rocket hit a home; another landed in the courtyard of a Synagogue. These attacks are appalling and unnecessary provocations on Israel. The damage they are doing to Israel is real and should be not only measured in terms of property destroyed, but also the sense of insecurity that Israelis experience every day. This is not the path to peace.

I can only imagine the terror and anxiety that we would feel if the United States were attacked at both our borders in a single week. We are fortunate to have good diplomatic and security relations with all our neighbors. Sadly, our close ally Israel does not have the same luxury. I am reminded of my visit to Israel in 2012, at a time when the country was also under attack. I am inspired today, as I was then, by the resolve of the Israeli communities that live across the border from Gaza and Syria. These communities refuse to cower in fear, despite the constant threat of attack. Their reliance is a testament to the spirit of the Israeli people, which we see manifested in so many ways, such as Israel's economic leadership the fields of science, technology, and energy.

The United States must continue to stand with Israel. We must work with our allies to curb the aggressive actions of Iran and its proxies, and we must renew our efforts to bring about a resolution of the conflict in Syria, which has allowed Iran to expand its military presence in Syria. At the same time, we must recommit ourselves to supporting a just and lasting peace between Israel and the Palestinians.

PUNISHING CONTINUED
OCCUPATION OF UKRAINE ACT

HON. STEVE COHEN

OF TENNESSEE

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 18, 2018

Mr. COHEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to introduce a bill sanctioning Russia for its continued occupation of Ukraine. This bill sends a strong signal by going after Russian financial institutions, which are one of the few soft areas of Russian President Vladimir Putin's underbelly.

On February 27, 2014, Russia invaded and occupied Ukraine's Crimea region. Russia continues to ignore the Minsk Agreement and sanctions to date have failed to alter President Putin's calculations regarding Crimea and eastern Ukraine.

Putin's regime relies on several large financial institutions to implement its policies and keep the regime afloat. That is why I am introducing a bill to impose sanctions on Russian financial institutions.

Russia's continued occupation of Ukraine is intolerable and continued aggression and violation of international norms is unacceptable. Congress must use every tool available to change President Vladimir Putin's behavior.

I want to urge my colleagues to pass this important bill.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. BILL HUIZENGA

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, July 18, 2018

Mr. HUIZENGA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today regarding missed votes due to a flight delay. Had I been present for roll call vote number 329, H.R. 4946 to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 1075 North Tustin Street in Orange, California, as the "Specialist Trevor A. Win'E Post Office", I would have voted Yea. Had I been present for roll call vote number 330, H.R. 4960 to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 511 East Walnut Street in Columbia, Missouri, as the "Spc. Sterling William Wyatt Post Office Building", I would have voted Yea.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR,
ENVIRONMENT, AND RELATED
AGENCIES APPROPRIATIONS
ACT, 2019

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL K. SIMPSON

OF IDAHO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 17, 2018

The House in Committee of the Whole House on the state of the Union had under consideration the bill (H.R. 6147) making appropriations for the Department of the Interior, environment, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2019, and for other purposes:

Mr. SIMPSON. Madam Chair, I rise today in support of the Interior and Environment and Related Agencies Appropriations bill. I applaud Chairman CALVERT and his staff, along with Ranking Member MCCOLLUM and her team for crafting a responsible bill.

As a former chairman of this subcommittee, I know firsthand the challenges assembling this bill presents. There are diverse views across the United States on how our public lands and environment should be managed. For those of us that represent states with high percentages of federal lands—more than 60 percent in Idaho—you would be hard pressed to find a more important bill in Congress.

The bill before us today addresses the most important issues in Idaho. Perhaps most pressing is the need to adequately fund wildfire suppression and prevention. If you look at the National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC) outlook map, it indicates that almost my entire district is at an increased fire threat during July and August. Sadly, this has been the new normal.

The bill under consideration today addresses this by fully funding the 10 year average for wildfire suppression and provides an additional \$500 million to combat this growing threat. It also provides increased funding for prevention efforts. Next year, relief is on the way in the form of my Wildfire Disaster Funding Act, which will treat catastrophic fires like natural disasters. This will set us on a path to reduce the threat of wildfires and allow land managers to do the prevention work without their resources being stolen to fight fires.

The bill also contains many other important provisions: